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Sir

As I have often heard your name connected with works of Philanthropy, I would say if ever you felt like doing good with a small amount of Cash now is the time, the wedge has been in & opening the crevice ^{between Mo. & us} for four years past & now it works to a charm, we have now seventeen Coloured persons waiting till the means is obtained to send them escorted to Iowa I have just returned from a journey in ^{which} I have laid out a good substantial underground road appointed conductors at each station about fifteen miles apart we have a well organised Society for the reception & protection of our coloured brethren till each train is made up then see them to a place of safety. I would refer you to the following persons as ~~officers~~ officers of aforesaid society - Mr John Bolles Treasurer, Rev E. Nute Sec^y collectors Chas Stearns, Dr John Leoy Lyman Allen. Please do what you can among your friends and oblige one who is a stranger to you but one in heart and design.

Yours Truly

John Leoy

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